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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 4329.2308

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Atsushi MURAKOSHI et al. )  
)  
Application No.: 09/559,345 ) Group Art Unit: 2881  
)  
Filed: April 27, 2000 ) Examiner: Kiet Tuan Nguyen  
)  
For: ION GENERATION METHOD )  
AND FILAMENT FOR ION )  
GENERATION APPARATUS )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of December 23, 2003. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

☐ Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	12	-	20	0	x \$ 18	\$ 0
Indep.	6	-	5	1	x \$ 86	86
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+\$290	0
Subtotal						\$ 86
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						- 0
TOTAL						\$ 86

☒ A fee of \$86.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.

☐ A fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

☐ A check for \$86.00 to cover the above fee is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,  
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: March 22, 2004

By: \_\_\_\_\_



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**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the December 23, 2003 Office Action, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.

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